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London Agency has received the fol-
lowing letter from a member of its Lon-
don editorial staff now serving as a Sub-
altern in the trenches—

The Trenches, 12th December, Mid-
night. I have been flooded out of my
bed, and as this little spot on the table
is the only one where no muddy drops
are falling from the roof of the dug-out,
I might as well seize the opportunity to
write between now and daylight.

When I wrote last we were frost bound,
it soon thawed, and for the last fort-
night we have been the victims of rain.

To make things pleasant we have the
project of eighteen days (over Christ-
mas) before we get back to billets. It
is difficult to give you an idea of what
steady rain here means. Our lines even
such an elderly, permanent, town-like
and solid series of cubbyholes and trench-
es that when they all start to fall in
and one doesn't know where one is in
the dark it is as if one were trying to
navigate a pitch dark London in ruins.
"Navigate" is the word. The British
Staff have ordered gondolas, and we
are going to train the fiercest male
of London to carry bombs to the
enemy's trenches.

What makes me so wild is that I was
just playing in a brand new dug-out with
another sub. The night after I moved
in my old one collapsed altogether. The
Sapper, who appears every night to
do odd jobs about our lines, swore
this one would be watertight. He came
in just now and sat on the door step
with mud flowing down his neck and he
is such a cheery soul that we forgive
him. He brings us nightly all the
humorous gossip of the staff: to wit:
That the Indian Division and the
Germans were so close to each other last
week that they used the same parapet
to their trenches and took it in turns
to fire through the loopholes. This
week they have got closer and are sepa-
rated only by sand bags. The Indians
went to pass the weary winter eating
jam; not only because it is pleasant and
nutritious but so that they can have a
plentiful supply of jam tin beans, which
are all the fashion at the trench parties.

Our own Germans are getting closer,
too. Two hundred yards is about our
average and we are both pushing ahead
with rap, so I suppose jam tin will no
longer be thrown away here in a week
or two. I amused myself today by pick-
ing one of their periscopes which both
sides use freely, and not to let them get
too accustomed to the sight of our dirty
and stubby faces. Our men are very
keen at the loopholes and no sooner
does a bit of German skin show itself
than it is perforated.

(Don't be alarmed at the stains on this
paper. It isn't blood, but the roof is
beginning to ooze mud instead of water.)
The communication trenches I told
you of are a dream now. To-night they
are simply a river, but when we came
in a few nights ago they were knee-deep
in a paste of the consistency of wet
dough, three men had to be left behind
and dug out later. You can imagine the
labour of bringing up ammunition and
rations. The poor devil arrives absolutely
worn out, but of course, still have to
do their whack of sentry-go during the
night.

What I object to principally about our
Germans is their lack of appreciation of
humour or sport. They are so devilishly
businesslike. A lamentable instance
occurred today. One of our men was
up in a willow tree in the rear, cutting
withies. A shot passed him, and he
signalled. "A miss, left. Then he
signalled another, right, and the third
took him through the head. There are
poets themselves, that you see some
the strictest orders about the most
astounding things. I watched a man

yesterday walking slowly along the side
of the communication trench right up
to the line. He had a sack of coke and
looked as if he were going to stick
in the mud with it. A hail of bullets
missed him and he stopped to light a
pipe behind an eighteen inch willow even
then, before he very deliberately got down
with his load.

Talking of willow trees, I never went
to see them or poplars again in my life.
A willow gave me a short sharp shock
two nights ago. I was scouting with a
party and we went on further than we
intended. I hadn't a rifle with me and
when we had crawled up to within forty
yards of the enemy's sap (it was a fairly
clear night) I suddenly saw what looked
exactly like a German crouching down
with levelled gun. My heart went pit-
a-pat. I hastily signalled for the rifle
of the man behind me, only to find there
was nothing in the magazine.

A SHOCKING SURPRISE.
Luckily, it turned out to be a willow
stump with a bough levelled in our di-
rection. That same evening, scouting out
on my own on the other side of the same
sap, I had a most horrid experience. I
was in a turnip field, advancing cautiously
because they are so infernally under-
foot, suddenly up went one of their star
rockets which make the neighbourhood
light as day for a mile round. I stopped
down at once on my anterior. To my
horror I discovered that my nose was
two yards from an unburied German
corpse, that had lain out there since
their last unsuccessful infantry attack
six weeks ago. Another and another
rocket went up, and it was ten minutes
before I could get up and leave that
grimy object. However, I brought back
a helmet and rifle as mementoes of the
event.

In the first flush of pride in our new
dug-out, it—and I christened it "The
Cormorants," No. 1, Park Lane. We
chose the name as descriptive of the in-
habitants. That is to say, we are both
concerned to find that though formerly
people of moderate appetites, life out
here has converted us, like most people,
into appalling gourmets. Every problem
resolves itself into food values. The
great panic at present is that the Christ-
mas offerings of good folk at home will
be some misanthrope pot-roach in time.
Some days ago a benevolent Captain pre-
sented us with a box of shortbread which
disappeared as by magic. We halved the
crumbs with wistful care and promptly
wrote postcards to everyone we could
think of clamouring for stacks of it. I
can't expect you to look upon this as
anything but gluttony, but a source of
travels, bread and bully beef, and the
necessity of keeping out continual gold
and dangle would I think bring it home.
We are quite put out at present because
the latest arrival in the Company, who
is straight from Sandhurst, is a super-
cormorant and can give either of us half
a loaf and win hands down.

Well, our cheery Sapper newsman
has just warmed our frozen gloom with
the tale of the naval victory off South
America, a victory in Galicia and the
positively authentic information (for the
20th time) that the Kaiser is sick unto

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Hongkong, February 6, 1915.

death. When His Majesty eventually
gets to the Shades, I can only hope
Fluto will put him on a fatigues party
under Lance-Corporal Sisyphus to carry
100 lbs. of bully beef nightly through a
ten mile communication trench, two feet
deep in mud, only to find when he gets
to the other end that he has no tin-opener
and no knife or bayonet for substitute.

LIGHTER SIDE OF THE WAR.

Revising the French National Dictionary.

French writers are pointing out how
the war is revising the national dictio-
nary. Fortunes are being made out of
words whose meaning our grandfathers
wouldn't even have understood. What
philippines we have all been reading
against "German hegemony"; yet in a
lexicon no older than 1830 "hegemony"
meant a feast of Diana. In the German
dreams of world supremacy, there is
little that one would naturally associate
with the chaste goddess.

When Paris journalists are not calling
the Germans "les Boches" they refer
to them as "les hordes teutonnes."
"Hordes" means an undisciplined gang,
and surely "discipline" is what the
German headquarter staff boast more than
anything.

The war appears to have dislocated a
few metaphors. One writer used this
sentence the other day: "The Aeneas is
the bar before which a guilty nation is
trying to stop the crush of justice whose
sentence the Allied armies are about to
execute." This was written by a pic-
ture person who is half-proof-reader
and half poet.

The phenomenology of the war correspon-
dents of the provincial press is some-
times somewhat loose. For example:
"General Paul arrived at X at 5 p.m.,
and stopped several minutes at the Hotel
de France, where he enjoyed a light meal,
while his chauffeur poured petrol into the
motor-car and the officer who had come
with him."

It is a relief to extract a little humour
out of this tragic war. A letter from a
Swiss who was in Aix-la-Chapelle at the
beginning of last month and is now at
Bale, is amusing. The writer is a note
to a French journalist says:

"The German Government is very in-
genious in its efforts to keep up the
spirits of the population. It reports the
annihilation of regiment after regiment
daily, and in order to foster the delusion
it has to produce formidable convoys of
French, British, and Belgian prisoners.
Aix-la-Chapelle is the spectacular spot
chosen. It is the busiest railway station
in the German Empire just now. The
German General Staff sends long train-
loads of prisoners through this junction
going East every day. You can imagine
how impressive it is. You can also
imagine how industriously the newspaper
correspondents record the incident in
their dispatches to Berlin, not forgetting
the downcast demeanour of the captives
and the cheer of the German populace.
The crowds are unaware that these trains
are switched on to a loopline at night,
and return in triumph the next day. The
other morning a Dutchman was watching
one of them go slowly by. He saw a
Belgian soldier excitedly gesticulating at
an open carriage window. He was shout-
ing: 'This is the twelfth time we have
come through this station.'"

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7.30 p.m.—A Chinese Play, in Aid of Prince of Wales Fund, by Queen's College A.D.C. in the College Hall.
9 p.m.—"The Grotesques" at the Theatre Royal.
9 p.m.—Children's Entertainment in aid of Belgian Relief Fund at St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon.

MEMO FOR TO-MORROW.

Field Day for Volunteers and Reserves.

MEMO FOR MONDAY.

8.30 p.m.—Organ Recital at St. John's Cathedral.
General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, February 9—
11.30 a.m.—Union Waterbus Co's Meeting.
Noon.—H.K. C. & M. Steamboat Co's Meeting.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
WEDNESDAY, February 10—
Noon.—Kowloon Land and Building Co's Meeting.
THURSDAY, February 11—
8 p.m.—Kowloon Cricket Club's Annual Dinner.
FRIDAY, February 12—
St. Valentine's Day.
Chinese New Year Day.
SATURDAY, February 13—
Chinese New Year Holiday.
SUNDAY, February 14—
Chinese New Year Holiday.
MONDAY, February 15—
Chinese New Year Holiday.
TUESDAY, February 16—
Ash Wednesday.
WEDNESDAY, February 17—
Ash Wednesday.
THURSDAY, February 18—
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THE BRITISH NAVY LEAGUE.

The following Circulars were recently issued by the League—
11, Victoria Street,
London, S.W.
January 1st, 1915.

Dear Sir,
Since my last letter we have been passing through exceedingly strenuous times in this country, but on the whole you will I know be happy to hear that absolutely and relatively the British Navy is more powerful upon the seas now than at any time in our history. The destruction of the German Fleet in the Falklands leaves but a few scattered cruisers belonging to the enemy on the world-wide waters outside the North Sea. British Commerce is proceeding under normal conditions, and the ordinary everyday life of the community here is practically the same as before the War. You must not be in any sense disturbed by the reports which have reached you of the German raid upon the Yorkshire coast. This murderous attack has had no military significance, and does not in the smallest degree affect the ultimate results of the struggle. The raid has, however, done Germany incalculable harm in neutral countries, more especially in America and has proved conclusively that every consideration of International Law will be trumped upon by the enemy when it suits his purpose to do so.

You will probably have seen a cable report of the note of protest presented by the United States Government to the British Government on the subject of the treatment of neutral commerce and British warships. You need not, however, take this very seriously. Any representation made by the United States will be treated sympathetically by the Government and people of this country. It must be remembered that we are fighting an unpopularity opponent who has no regard whatever for the Law of Nations, and the British Navy therefore cannot be too strict in its watch upon the import of contraband either through neutral ports, or if attempted directly to ports of the enemy. The American people understand perfectly that the sea has been kept open to the commerce of all countries during the past hundred years and although this country had complete control of the sea and its Navy was supreme everywhere, our power was never employed otherwise than to secure fullest liberty for every other community.

You may assure your Committee and the members of your Branch of the Navy League that we can all face the New Year with full confidence and abounding hope in the capacity of the Navy to complete its great task. As examples of devoted service you will have read with much pleasure of the brilliant work done by Submarine B.L.1 in the destruction of a Turkish battleship in the Dardanelles, and you will also have seen the splendid success which attended the combined naval and air raid on Cuxhaven a few days ago.

The feeling both at the Admiralty and War Office is very confident and the latest news from Fleet and Army gives the fullest satisfaction that the process of throttling the enemy is proceeding with steady success. The Executive Committee of the Navy League most cordially wish your President, Committee and yourself, as well as all your members everything of the best in the coming year.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) P. J. HANSON,
General Secretary.

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE.

11, Victoria Street,

London, S.W.

1st January, 1915.

It has been the custom of the Navy League to submit to its members and to the people of the Empire its carefully considered view upon the Naval Situation at the beginning of each New Year.

In the circumstances of the moment, however, it is undesirable to discuss questions of naval policy; but the Navy League is in a position to express its most unqualified terms its entire satisfaction with the conduct of the Navy since the beginning of the war, and to declare its abounding confidence in the capacity and efficiency of the Fleet to achieve its great purpose. The Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet and the Officers and

Men in all our fighting ships deserve the warmest congratulations of the British Fleet throughout the world for their unwavering zeal, devotion to duty, and spirit of self-sacrifice which have been manifested in every incident affecting the Navy since the beginning of the struggle.

The members of the Navy League deeply deplore the loss of so many valuable lives of the gallant men who have gone down with their ships in the engagements which have taken place, and it will be the special care of our Organisation to do everything possible to look after the interests of the families of these men who have left behind.

It must give the League great satisfaction to see the members of the League everywhere to feel that outside the North Sea the waters of the world are practically free to the commerce of the Allies and that of neutral countries. Only a few scattered cruisers of the enemy Fleet remain in outer waters, and the grave danger which threatened British shipping through the criminal disregard by the enemy of the law of nations in the indiscriminate employment of mines in the open sea is now effectively under control.

It is with peculiar pleasure that the League has observed the complete elimination of every cold as quickly as possible. It is the fear of pneumonia, and the danger of pneumonia, which is the most serious danger which threatens the community at large.

Let us all be careful to keep ourselves in good health, and let us all be careful to keep ourselves in good health, and let us all be careful to keep ourselves in good health.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

On the back page of this issue will be found some interesting news items.

The average amount of banknotes in circulation in Hongkong during January was \$31,014,135.

Singapore has removed the quarantine restrictions imposed against Hongkong on account of plague.

H.E. the Governor has appointed Tuesday, the 16th, instant to be observed as a general holiday.

The Bishop of Victoria's engagements for to-morrow are:—11 a.m., Preach at St. Peter; 7.30 p.m. Address the Men's Meeting at the Chinese Y.M.C.A.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board on Tuesday a letter from Government forwarding correspondence relative to plague epidemics in the Colony will be discussed.

We are informed that the "Smoker" in aid of the Prince of Wales Fund, which was to have been held in the V.R.C. Gymnasium to-night, has been postponed until further notice.

Mr. Hazeldan this morning fined three Japanese \$150 each for travelling on the Maudslowi without having previously paid their fares. The alternative was two months' imprisonment.

A coal cooler employed on the s.s. Anago Maru yesterday fell into the hold of the ship and sustained injuries which necessitated his removal to the Tung Wah Hospital. He was first attended on board by the Japanese doctor.

Regulations to be observed by persons authorised by the Government to sign certificates of the cause of death for the purposes of the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance are published in the "Government Gazette."

Our Fokish correspondent in his letter to hand by today's Siberian Mail, announces that a marriage took place at Craigellachie Church, between Mr. John Grant of Hongkong and Miss Jane Collie, daughter of the late James Collie, J.P., Ballindallich, and of Mrs. Collie, Craigellachie.

The village of Sham-Shui Po, near the Cosmopolitan Dock, is shortly to be supplied with Electric Light by the China Light and Power Co., who are extending their mains there from Yamati. The lighting scheme is being carried out at the instance of some of the principal property owners who have guaranteed payment for minimum number of lamps.

A Kowloon Canton Railway notification announces that the 6.30 a.m. train out from Kowloon and the 2.55 p.m. train in from Sham Chun do not now stop at Shatin. No information is given as to the reason for this change, but it is rumoured to have been made to circumvent an enterprising Chinese who proposed running ferry launches to Shatin instead of to Tai Po, thereby saving the Railway Fare between these places.

One of those acts which, in an educational establishment, tend to make staff and students more than kin, was enacted yesterday morning at St. Stephen's College, when a presentation was made to Mr. R. W. Barney, B.A., who hopes to leave next week on route for the Front. The Warden (Rev. A. D. Stewart) presided, and speeches were delivered by him and Archdeacon Barnott. An address was read by a student, and gifts presented consisting of exquisitely carved ivory and silver ware, and an embroidered silk scroll. Mr. Barney feelingly replied. During his 3 1/2 years' work in the College, Mr. Barney has endeared himself to staff and students alike, and has enjoyed an unbroken measure of affection and popularity.

The League desires to warn the country of the danger which must befall the small but very aggressive Little Navarino section of the community whose fanatical opposition to naval power and whose misguided notions of peace have not been modified even by the experience of this terrible war. These unpatriotic persons are now making, and will, much more soon the approach of peace, make every effort to weaken British supremacy at sea; and the members of the League will be constantly on the alert to counteract their activity.

The League holds strongly that British Command of the Sea in the future will remain a dominant consideration in maintaining the permanent peace of the world, and it urges upon every patriotic citizen the primary duty of aiding by every conceivable means every kind of increase and all organised effort, no matter what the ostensible motive which may aim at the reduction of our naval power below that standard which is essential to hold the Command of the Sea for the British Empire.

The incidents which have taken place at sea during the campaign are of little military importance as affecting the general operations of the Fleet. The superiority of the British Navy in relation to that of the enemy is increasing almost day by day, and when the moment of supreme trial presents itself our Navy in ships, men and equipment will be fully prepared for every contingency.

The members of the Navy League may face the future full of confidence in the Fleet and full of hope that our Sea Power upon which the Empire depends will discharge its primary duty in securing the peace and progress of mankind.

PRINCE OF WALES' FUND.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST No. 18.

Proceeds of Concert, Talkco Club, Quarry Bay	\$150
Mr. A. W. Smith	25
Staff of Standard Oil Co. of New York, 5th sub.	142
Proceeds of sale of "A Scout in Fairyland" by Mrs. Ivan Ginn Smith and Mrs. Weston, 3rd sub.	51.15
Miss H. S. Fletcher	12
E. M. F.	50
Mr. R. D. Harvey's Fund:	
A. and F. M.	50
Mr. P. Fladgate	15
Police, 4th sub.	442
Mrs. Joseph Gould	50
Collected by Miss Squares:	
Miss B. Walker	3
Miss Hamilton	3
Mrs. E. W. White	3
Mr. T. W. Loughlin	5
Miss A. Squares	5
Mr. F. T. Chapple	10
Mr. G. Martin	5
Miss Vanstone	1.50
Mr. F. J. Gellion	5
Mr. F. A. Mackintosh	5
Dr. C. Forsyth	15
Mr. E. Maurice	10
Mr. H. Overy	5
Mrs. Foy (Donation)	50
Mr. W. E. Douglas (Donation)	5
Collected by Capt. C. A. Mutton, Amoy:	
Mr. G. P. Matthews	5
Capt. C. A. Mutton	15
Mr. E. O. Sullivan	5
Mr. S. Wheeler	5
Mr. J. Gibson	10
Mr. J. Noble	10
Mr. H. Cadman	10
Collected by Mr. C. A. Percy:	
Mr. A. C. Dethlo	10
Tai Ming Tak	10
Mr. J. V. Bragg	10
Mr. Willis Wright	20
Mr. A. A. Almeida	2
Louise Po Sang	10
Collected by Mr. J. J. McKay, Kowloon:	
Mr. and Mrs. F. Smith	10
Mr. W. R. McKay	5
Mr. A. I. Dickson	1
Mr. R. C. Reid	1
Mr. D. McKee	1
Mr. J. Macdonald	1
Mr. F. A. McBean	1
Mr. F. H. Langill	1
Mr. J. J. McKay	0.40
Collected by Mr. R. D. Harvey:	
Mr. R. D. Harvey (Jan. sub.)	30
Staff of B. A. T. Co. (Jan. sub.)	36.50
Mr. F. A. Coleman	3
Mr. A. E. Harvey	3
Mr. W. McKay	3
Mr. W. F. Hest	2
Mr. and Mrs. McGrann	1.10
Collected by Mr. J. P. Scott:	
Hai Phong	30.75
Staff of Green Island Cement Company	73
Mr. Herbert Goffe, C.M.G. (7th sub.)	50
Capt. S. C. H. Wilde	10
Inspector Sims	3
"Gratitude"	50
Mr. J. M. Moorhead	50
Mr. J. W. Bolles	3.00

Already acknowledged Lists

1/17

\$4,019.41

Less discount on subsidiary

1/17

\$107,000.26

Total

\$111,019.67

Monthly Subscrip-

tions

\$2,852.72

Already acknow-

ledged Lists 1/17

23,284.61

Total

\$113,872.33

Remitted to London on 22nd

December, 1914

\$113,872.33

at 1/9.5/10

\$101,428.55

Balance in hand

\$12,443.78

N. J. Stann.

Hon. Treasurer.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1915.

APPRECIATION OF HONGKONG GENEROSITY.

Buckingham Palace,

21st November, 1914.

The Secretary,

Legislative Council,

Hongkong.

Sir,—The Prince of Wales has received through the Crown Agents for the Colonies a remittance for £3,437 10s. 0d., being the amount of the contribution voted by the Legislative Council of Hongkong in aid of the National Relief Fund.

His Royal Highness is most grateful for this magnificent contribution to the Fund, and has directed me to express to the Legislative Council his warmest appreciation of their sympathy.

I am, etc.,

(Sd.) WALTER PRACON,

Treasurer to His Royal Highness.

THORLING IN THE THROAT.

It is the highest tickling or hoarseness of the throat, may be the forerunner of a dangerous illness. Stop it once with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

TRAINING NOTES.

It was dull and cold at the Course this morning, but the air was clear. There was a little rain towards the end of the morning's work; fortunately, the threatened shower held off. There was no wind. Both courses were open and the going was good. Some good times were done but the last quarters were generally slow, due probably in most cases to the ponies having weights up. There were no hurdles on the grass track.

It was the general opinion that Gamster's gallop over the derby distance was the best performance. His time was 3.23, last half 1.07.3 and last quarter 32; finishing strong in nice easy style. Wild Cat also did good time, 3.29.1, for the same distance; finishing fast in 1.05.1, 31. Another derby candidate to do a good gallop was Perfection Dublin. He went a mile and a quarter in 2.40, the quarters being 33, 34, 34.1, 31.4. At present there is nothing showing up from Mr. John Peel's stable. Rochills appears to be the best; Lochmaben and Chestnuts both gave miserable performances.

Of the old ponies Devanought Dublin's two mile gallop was a good performance; 7.3, 37, 39, 36, 37, 34.3, 33.3, 31.4. Six Galahad also went nicely, 3.23.3, last quarter 32, for a mile and a quarter. There were no "flash" gallops amongst the Auction Griffin lot. Of the Subs. the best time done was Flame Dublin's mile in 2.15.2; but he finished tired, last quarter 34.1. Others that went well were Winning Hazard, Jol, Shabrane, Tinker, and The Bird.

On Monday we are publishing some more notes by our special correspondents "Winning Post."

The times "clocked" this morning will be found on page 4.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D.

PARADES.

Monday, 8th February, 5.15 p.m. N.C. O's drill on Cricket Ground, Leadenhall Hill.

JOINED.

Sapper C. P. Bond joined the Corps on 8th inst., and has been posted to Engineer Company.

DETAILS.

Orderly Officer to-day and to-morrow, Lieut. Rice.

Orderly Officer on 8th February, Lieut. Kennell.

Orderly Sergeant to-day and to-morrow, Sergt. Hall.

Orderly Sergeant on 8th inst., Sergt. Cooper.

To furnish Guard to-night, Scots' Company.

To furnish Guard to-morrow, No. 2 Section Artillery.

To furnish Guard on 8th February, No. 1 Section Artillery and Left Section M. G. Co.

A STRANGE AFFAIR.

Mr. Ferguson, chief officer of the Tai Sang, states that he was robbed of \$400 while riding in a rickshaw along Connaught Road Central last night. Suddenly the coolie dropped the shafts and two men rushed at him. One seized him by the throat, while the other is supposed to have taken the money. Both men escaped. An Indian constable saw Mr. Ferguson dragging the rickshaw and the coolie along the street and the coolie complained of having been assaulted. At the Police Station Mr. Ferguson had \$250 in his possession. The Police are making enquiries.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

P. and U. S. N. Co.,	...	\$5
Campbell Palanque and Co.,	...	50
S. J. David and Co.,	...	25
Deacon, Looker and Deacon,	...	25
Woodall and Co.,	...	25
Deans and Bowley,	...	25
Douglas & Co.,	...	25
Gladstone and Co.,	...	25
Gilman and Co.,	...	25

Transfusion of a Cols' Telegram from the Secretary of State to H.E. the Governor, Hongkong.

3rd December, 1914.

I have received with much satisfaction your telegram of 2nd November reporting that the Legislative Council have voted \$100,000 to the National Relief Fund and that \$105,000 have been collected already by public subscriptions. Crown Agents instructed in accordance with your request. I note that further monthly subscriptions have also been promised. I desire to express my cordial acknowledgment of this proof of the liberal and patriotic spirit which animates the people of Hongkong in the present crisis.

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NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

York House, St. James, S.W.

22nd December, 1914.

The Chairman,

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales

National Relief Fund,

Hongkong.

Dear Sir,—I have to-day received from the Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation a cheque for £17,000 which has been so generously subscribed to the Fund so kindly organised by you in Hongkong, on behalf of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) L. E. BAKER.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

THE FIGHTING NEAR THE SUEZ CANAL.

FURTHER DETAILS.

MORE GERMAN BATTERIES SILENCED IN FRANCE.

TURKS ATTEMPT TO CROSS SUEZ CANAL.

VICTORY FOR THE BRITISH.

LONDON, Feb. 4, 9.40 p.m.
A telegram from Cairo says that at daybreak yesterday the enemy advanced against Tonsous, which they bombarded. Our artillery, with warships, replied. The Turks tried to cross the Suez Canal on rafts, but were compelled to retire, losing eight officers and 250 men, additional prisoners, and numerous dead. Our losses were two officers and 12 men killed and 38 wounded. The enemy's attack at Kantara was driven off, their losses being 21 killed and 25 wounded with 25 unwounded in our hands. The enemy's force numbered 1,200, with six batteries.

LONDON, Dec. 4, 11.10 p.m.
A telegram from Cairo says that the total number of Turks engaged in yesterday's fighting was 12,000.

FURTHER DETAILS.

LONDON, Feb. 5, 4 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Cairo learns that the British forces captured in the battle at the Suez Canal 600 Turks, three machine guns and ninety camels laden with stores and ammunition. Four hundred dead were found at various points, and the enemy's casualties are estimated altogether at 2,400 exclusive of prisoners. A German officer was among the killed. No fighting of importance occurred yesterday.

THE BRITISH ARMY.

3,000,000 EXCLUSIVE OF INDIAN TROOPS.

Feb. 5, 4 p.m.
A White Paper, issued to-day, indicates that the British Army establishment strength—Home and Colonial forces—excluding those of India, is three millions.

THE FIGHTING IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

ARTILLERY ACTIONS EVERYWHERE.

LONDON, Feb. 4, 5.35 p.m.
To-day's Paris *communiqué* says:—
There has been very lively artillery work in Belgium, at La Bassée, Bethune, Arras, Albert and Aisne, everywhere to our advantage.
The Germans who attacked at Perthes, Meunin, and Massiges were a battalion strong at each point. The two first were completely scattered by our artillery, the third, owing to the explosion of a mine, enabled the enemy to advance, but a counter-attack resulted in our regaining all lost positions.
We have advance-post successes in the valley of the Sambre and scattered the enemy's convoys.
There have been encounters in the Vosges between patrols on skis, our troops progressing slightly. The thaw has begun.

GERMAN AEROPLANE BROUGHT DOWN.

LONDON, Feb. 5, 1.40 a.m.
The Paris evening *communiqué* says:—
There have been artillery combats in Belgium and north of Arras.
West of Lille, on the Arras road, we captured between 200 and 300 yards of trenches. Our first strike bodies of troops and convoys near Hebuterne, north of Albert.
The effective fire of our artillery in the valley of the Aisne silenced the enemy's batteries, exploded limbers, dispersed working parties and put aircraft to flight. We brought down an aeroplane in front of Verdun and captured the aviator.
A German attack near Uffholtz in Alsace completely failed.

ALLIES PROGRESSING ALONG THE DUNES.

LONDON, Feb. 5, 2.35 a.m.
The Dutch papers at Sluis report an artillery battle has been proceeding on the coast the last two days. The thundering of guns has been continuous. The Allies are progressing along the dunes between Lombartzyde and the sea and near Westende they have captured two trenches. Airmen dropped bombs on Knocke.

MORE ENEMY BATTERIES SILENCED.

Feb. 5, 5.30 p.m.
A Paris *communiqué* states that German aviators have been very active in Belgium.
Our artillery silenced the enemy's batteries at many points.
The Zouaves and African Infantry captured, in a brilliant manner, an important German trench westward of the Lille-Arras road. Sappers prepared the way and then the infantry charged, capturing or killing all the Germans in the trench.
A German attack in the Argonne near Bagatelle resulted in our losing a hundred metres of trench, but by two counter-attacks we regained the captured ground and more beyond.

THE FIGHTING ON THE EASTERN FRONT.

IMPORTANT RUSSIAN SUCCESSES.

LONDON, Feb. 4, 9.30 p.m.
A Petrograd *communiqué* says:—
The Russians gained an important success to-day in the battle of Poland, and occupied a strategic position at Volichki Blizhki.

BY TELEGRAPH.

GREAT BATTLE IN POLAND.

LONDON, Feb. 5, 7.05 a.m.
An official announcement at Petrograd says that the battle of Borjomeff continues with extraordinary violence. The enemy, in close formation, is attempting to pierce the Russian front. Seven German divisions fought on a front of ten miles, supported by a hundred batteries. In a counter-attack on Wednesday night the Russians captured two lines of German trenches.
In the direction of Ujki we advanced and captured 2,000 prisoners, and ten quickfiring.
In the Fokhoka and Beskid Passes we were offered stout resistance, and fought ten bayonet engagements. We counter-attacked on the 2nd inst., but decided to withdraw to positions previously prepared. The enemy hereabouts is very strong.
The enemy's attempted advance at Vyskoff and Taitaroff has been repulsed with heavy losses.

AUSTRIANS EVACUATE TARNOW.

LONDON, Feb. 5, 2.35 a.m.
An Austrian *communiqué* admits the evacuation of Tarnow (Galicia) after bombardment by the Russians with heavy mortars. The *communiqué* also states that strong Russian pressure is felt in the direction of Dukla and the neighbouring passes of the Carpathians, where deep snow is impeding operations.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND THE WAR.

LONDON, Feb. 4.
The High Commissioners of the Dominions Overseas have given to Reuter's Agency messages expressing their views on the position at the end of the first six months of the war (August 4th—February 4th).
Sir George Reid, the High Commissioner for Australia, asks if on the 4th August we had been offered the present position would not everyone have jumped at the offer? The progress of the Allies, he says, had been splendid when Germany's wonderful preparations for military thunderbolts were considered. The achievements of the Empire had been beyond all possible expectations. The Dominions' magnificent responses had provided the brightest page in the glorious history of our people.
The Hon. William Schreiner, K.C., High Commissioner for South Africa, emphasises that adversity and war had pulled the component parts of the Empire more closely together. "With mutual trust, ready service, constant endurance, and steady courage," he says, "we shall pass through the fiery ordeal into the light of a victorious and abiding peace."
The Hon. Thomas Mackenzie, High Commissioner for New Zealand, says the war has braced the Empire into an unshakable force. The Empire stands as one man for the King against his enemies.
The Hon. Sir George Halsey Perley, High Commissioner for Canada, says: "We have every reason to feel satisfied with the position. Every subject of the King must be proud of the British Empire. The war will solve many Imperial questions."

COMPANY MATTERS.

The "Gazette" notices that at the expiration of three months, from date the following companies will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the Register and the companies will be dissolved:—The Fook Hing Mining Co., Ltd., The Hongkong and Yunnan Land Investment Co., Ltd., The Hanking Flour Mill Co., Ltd., The I Shun Co., Ltd., The Long Sang Yi Chinese Carriage Co., Ltd., The Min Yuen and Co., Ltd., The Po On Steam Launch Co., Ltd.
The names of the following companies have been struck off the Register:—The Oriental Cigarette and Tobacco Co., Ltd., The Yik On Steamship Co., Ltd., The Wing Fat Steamship Co., Ltd., Dunning and Co., Ltd., (registered on 14 December, 1905), Craig and Co., Ltd., The Kwong Tung Hotel Co., Ltd., Wo Hing Cotton and Cotton Yarn Co., Ltd., The Gordon Rubber Estates, Ltd., The Tai Yin Lau Hotel Co., Ltd.

FROM "CHURCH NOTES."

CHURCH OF ENGLAND MEN'S SOCIETY.
An Anniversary Service was held in the Cathedral on January 17th, when six new members were admitted. Meetings are now being held fortnightly in St. Paul's College at 6 p.m.

THE CATHEDRAL.
Mrs. Anstruther has most kindly made an Epiphany offering of \$100 which is being spent on a new green altar frontal, and green and blue bags, and new linen for use at the Holy Communion, and a new book for altar use.

Rev. H. G. H. Griffith, the new assistant chaplain is due to reach the Colony on February 12th. His address at first will be St. George's House, Kennedy Road. He graduated at Jesus College, Cambridge, and studied at Landaff Theological College.

PEAK CHURCH.
Miss Iris May has very kindly presented thirty new hymn books and thirty Prayer Books to the Peak Church, they are a most welcome gift as the old books were falling to pieces from damp and age. A new carpet for the sanctuary has been bought out of the funds, as the old one was quite worn out. At present the Church has only two frontals for the Altar, a white one and a red one, if any one would present a violet or green one, it would help to make the Church look more solemn and enable us to have the proper colours throughout the year.

CHURCH MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.
The Hon. Treasurer is Major Wenborn, and at a meeting of the Committee, on January 7th, the Rev. W. T. Featherstone was asked to be Hon. Secretary.

The staff of the Church Missionary Society in the Diocese has been further strengthened by the arrival of the "Nubia" of Dr. and Mrs. Plummer of Liverpool on route to the Medical Mission at Pakhoi.

ORGAN RECITAL.
The next recital will take place at 5.30 p.m., on Monday, February 8th. The soloist will be Miss L. White who will sing Haydn's "With verdure clad," and in addition there will be a Quartet.

GOOSE PASTRY.
Mr. Denman Fuller hopes to get up a special performance of Spohr's famous work "The Last Judgment," to be sung at 9.15 p.m., on Good Friday (April 2nd). Practices will be held in the Cathedral at 6.15 p.m., on Thursdays, during Lent, commencing on Thursday, February 11th. The collection will be in aid of the Prince of Wales' Fund and Mr. Denman Fuller will be glad to hear from any willing to help as soon as possible.

SPORTING.

GOLF.

Result of Ladies' Competition.

The Ladies' Competition, under match-play conditions, which has just closed at Happy Valley, has been won by Miss Cunningham, whose handicap is 4, who defeated Mrs. Stair Stewart (scratch) in the final 4 and 3.

Particulars of the various rounds are as follows:—
FIRST ROUND.
Miss Kelly (4) beat Mrs. Bernard (25) 1 and 6.
Miss M. Rodger (14) beat Miss Bolcher (30) 4 and 3.
Mrs. Hancock (32) beat Miss Wilkinson (10) 6 and 5.
Mrs. Dalmahoy (2) beat Mrs. Carleton (24) 6 and 5.
Mrs. W.O. Mrs. Carleton scratched.

SECOND ROUND.
Mrs. Rodger (14) beat Mrs. Bolcher (30) 4 and 3.
Mrs. Hancock (32) beat Mrs. Wilkinson (10) 6 and 5.
Mrs. Dalmahoy (2) beat Mrs. Carleton (24) 6 and 5.
Mrs. W.O. Mrs. Carleton scratched.

THIRD ROUND.
Mrs. Rodger (14) beat Mrs. Bolcher (30) 4 and 3.
Mrs. Hancock (32) beat Mrs. Wilkinson (10) 6 and 5.
Mrs. Dalmahoy (2) beat Mrs. Carleton (24) 6 and 5.
Mrs. W.O. Mrs. Carleton scratched.

FOURTH ROUND.
Mrs. Rodger (14) beat Mrs. Bolcher (30) 4 and 3.
Mrs. Hancock (32) beat Mrs. Wilkinson (10) 6 and 5.
Mrs. Dalmahoy (2) beat Mrs. Carleton (24) 6 and 5.
Mrs. W.O. Mrs. Carleton scratched.

FIFTH ROUND.
Mrs. Rodger (14) beat Mrs. Bolcher (30) 4 and 3.
Mrs. Hancock (32) beat Mrs. Wilkinson (10) 6 and 5.
Mrs. Dalmahoy (2) beat Mrs. Carleton (24) 6 and 5.
Mrs. W.O. Mrs. Carleton scratched.

SIXTH ROUND.
Mrs. Rodger (14) beat Mrs. Bolcher (30) 4 and 3.
Mrs. Hancock (32) beat Mrs. Wilkinson (10) 6 and 5.
Mrs. Dalmahoy (2) beat Mrs. Carleton (24) 6 and 5.
Mrs. W.O. Mrs. Carleton scratched.

SEVENTH ROUND.
Mrs. Rodger (14) beat Mrs. Bolcher (30) 4 and 3.
Mrs. Hancock (32) beat Mrs. Wilkinson (10) 6 and 5.
Mrs. Dalmahoy (2) beat Mrs. Carleton (24) 6 and 5.
Mrs. W.O. Mrs. Carleton scratched.

EIGHTH ROUND.
Mrs. Rodger (14) beat Mrs. Bolcher (30) 4 and 3.
Mrs. Hancock (32) beat Mrs. Wilkinson (10) 6 and 5.
Mrs. Dalmahoy (2) beat Mrs. Carleton (24) 6 and 5.
Mrs. W.O. Mrs. Carleton scratched.

NINTH ROUND.
Mrs. Rodger (14) beat Mrs. Bolcher (30) 4 and 3.
Mrs. Hancock (32) beat Mrs. Wilkinson (10) 6 and 5.
Mrs. Dalmahoy (2) beat Mrs. Carleton (24) 6 and 5.
Mrs. W.O. Mrs. Carleton scratched.

TENTH ROUND.
Mrs. Rodger (14) beat Mrs. Bolcher (30) 4 and 3.
Mrs. Hancock (32) beat Mrs. Wilkinson (10) 6 and 5.
Mrs. Dalmahoy (2) beat Mrs. Carleton (24) 6 and 5.
Mrs. W.O. Mrs. Carleton scratched.

ELEVENTH ROUND.
Mrs. Rodger (14) beat Mrs. Bolcher (30) 4 and 3.
Mrs. Hancock (32) beat Mrs. Wilkinson (10) 6 and 5.
Mrs. Dalmahoy (2) beat Mrs. Carleton (24) 6 and 5.
Mrs. W.O. Mrs. Carleton scratched.

Twelfth Round.
Mrs. Rodger (14) beat Mrs. Bolcher (30) 4 and 3.
Mrs. Hancock (32) beat Mrs. Wilkinson (10) 6 and 5.
Mrs. Dalmahoy (2) beat Mrs. Carleton (24) 6 and 5.
Mrs. W.O. Mrs. Carleton scratched.

SUMMARY COURT.

A RESERVED JUDGMENT.

Judgment was delivered in the Summary Court this morning by the Justice Judge (Mr. Justice Roberts) in the action between Ng Ching Pa, of 37, Lung Sang Street, Macao, and H. Rattone, Plaintiff, and Son, Queen's Road, Hongkong, Defendant, for the sum of \$1,237.05, being the balance due to plaintiff under an agreement dated March 25, 1913, and for money paid by plaintiff for and at the request of the defendant. The sum of \$237.65 was waived to bring the claim within the jurisdiction.

Mr. Davidson (Messrs. Hastings and Hastings) represented plaintiff, and Mr. G. R. Haywood (Mr. Leo D'Almeida's office) was for defendant.

His Lordship said: "The plaintiff's claim is made up of distinct items, which I will deal with separately. The first two are admitted. As to the \$325 paid to the witness Chang it is impossible to believe Chang's story. It seems to me that the money was either paid to Chang with the assent of the defendant or not. In the first case he is clearly chargeable with this amount, and it may be set off against the \$160 due to defendant. In the second case, I find as a fact that the defendant knew of this payment shortly after it was made, and I cannot believe that the plaintiff ever promised to pay the \$460 without deducting this amount of \$325 which he was entitled to set off against it. The form of the receipt and the correspondence which has been put in leave no reasonable doubt on this point. The plaintiff, then, is entitled to be credited with this \$325. The claim for the monthly payment described as salary gives me more difficulty. But on the whole I think these were independent promises and that the defendant must pay this amount and may seek his remedy if he has one in a suit for damages for breach of the agreement. It is of course clear that he never elected to terminate the agreement, but the contrary is alleged and it is treated as a subsidiary. The claim for car hire has been dropped. As to the \$25.12 paid to the Hing Tai, it is not proved to my satisfaction that the defendant is liable therefor. I must give judgment for plaintiff for the amount claimed less these two sums, with costs. He cannot at this stage amend his writ so as to include in the claim an amount he has already waived."

COLLEGE THEATRICALS.

H.E. Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G., Lady May, and Sir Charles Elliot, K.C.M.G., are among the large audience, which attended at evening the second performance by Queen's College Students of a Chinese play "A Kind Mother and Her Dutiful Son." This evening the students will play "Immediate retribution to one's evil deeds." A pathetic interest attaches to this play, which was written by one of the College students who died from consumption of the throat less than a week ago.

This is the story of the play:—Mo Fong's son was a very lazy boy. He spent his school fees with his chum, the Keuk, in three-going. Wong Kien's uncle was a poor, and wicked man. He asked T. I. Wong to seize and hold Mo Shu-in for a heavy ransom. Mo Shu-in was released after having paid \$100,000. His father reported the matter to the Assistant Magistrate. The case was detected. Wong Kien, T. I. Wong and all concerned were arrested while drinking in a hotel. They were at last put in prison.

The characters will be taken as follows:—Mo Shu-in, a lazy-bones, Sun Kwan Shan.
Mo Fong, his father, Kong Si Chuen.
Mo Lai-shi, Mo Shu-in's mother, Chan Yuen Kai.
Wong Kien, a schoolmate, Leung Pui Lam.
Wong Yi, Wong Kien's uncle, Lo Chung Cham.
At Fat, a butcher, Ho Shu Yung.
T. I. Wong, a robber, Yuen Kam Ling.
Pan Tan Ying, a magistrate, Wong Yik Cho.

St. Joseph's brass band will play selections during the interval and refreshments will be a la for the Princes of Wales' Fund.

PRIZES OF WAR.

French and English Captures.

The "Hongkong Government Gazette" publishes the terms of a convention entered into between the British and French Governments for determining the jurisdiction over joint captures, which may be made during the war by the Naval forces of the respective governments and for regulating the distribution of the proceeds of joint captures. The convention and accompanying instructions to naval commanders are printed in French and English and signed by Sir Edward Grey and M. Paul Cambon.

ORGAN RECITAL.

The following is the programme which is to be submitted at Mr. Denman Fuller's Organ Recital in St. John's Cathedral on Monday, at 5.30 p.m.:—
Toccata and Fugue in D minor... Bach.
Meditation... Debussy.
Air... "With verdure clad"... Haydn.
Missa L. Wurtz.
Harmonies du soir... R. Karg-Elert.
Hymn 477.
Tone picture... "Come ye children"... Sullivan.
Solo and Quartet... "Come ye children"... Sullivan.

Mrs. L. Wurtz.
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Mr. N. P. Allen. Mr. F. A. Bieden.
Prelude... F. Borowski.

A SUCCESSFUL DANCE.

A highly successful dance, organized by the Chief and First Class Petty Officers of the Royal Navy in Hongkong, was held in the Naval Cantonment last night. Over 400 were present including Commodore and Mrs. R. H. Anstruther, Commander Bannister, the Rev. G. M. Titchborne (Naval Chaplain), Lieut. Commander and Mrs. Corrie, Lieut. Commander and Mrs. Gibson, Major T. Robertson, Assistant Paymaster Davidson, Lieut. Hanley Pope, Clavell, and Blackman and Mr. E. R. Bate (Naval Yard Chief Constructor). The programme comprised 23 dances and the final finale. The arrangements, which were excellent in every detail, were carried out by the following Committee: President, Mr. J. E. Hamilton; Hon. Secretary, Mr. S. J. Grundy; Messrs. G. W. Warren, T. D. Campbell, C. White, and E. T. Tyler.

The dances were admirably supervised by Messrs. G. W. Fennimore and P. Forrester. The music was provided by a well-dressed orchestra band of Service men.

The success which attended the function was so pronounced that in all probability the dance will become an annual event.

THE TRAGIC RETREAT.

SERBIA'S VICTORY.

Extent of Austrian Debacle.

The extent of the Austrian debacle in Serbia is poignantly illustrated by a letter written in Budapest on December 12 and printed in the Morning Post. The writer says that since he last wrote "so many nerve-shaking and distracting events have happened here that it almost broke one's heart to recount them." He gathers that the whole Austro-Hungarian Army in the south is practically nonexistent.

The bare facts are that we lost in dead and wounded during the marginal actions and the fight more than sixty thousand men and in prisoners something like thirty-five thousand, while we suffered in guns, provisions, and ammunition more than the Serbians ever had in the whole war. The Hungarian regiments of the 4th Army Corps were among those who never returned, namely, the City Regiment of Budapest, the 12nd Infantry, the famous Mollath regiments, and all those who were nearest to our hearts in Hungary.

The remnants of Todorok's army—no more than another hundred thousand men—were in Bosnia by now, trying to reform within a few miles from the Serbian and Montenegrin frontiers. I hear the troops in the North, around Belgrade, and the garrison in that city are crossing the river and evacuating the town, and the guns are being mounted in Serbia and opposite Semendria, again to defend Hungary from a Serbian invasion.

"A Serbian invasion of Hungary sounds in the ears of the people here not unlike a Zulu invasion, for they believed the one to be as impossible as the other. You can imagine the stupefaction of the people when confronted with the fact that after all it is not only not impossible but indeed very likely."

The officers did not even threaten them, and indeed several followed the example of the utterly exhausted men and lay down in the nearest cover to await the pursuing Serbians. We could not make a stand anywhere, for our artillery had disappeared, the horses having fallen after the first day's march from starvation and exhaustion. Only those regiments reached the Bosnian frontier which had their supply wagons with them, and could feed their men and animals at least once a day.

The retreat is described by those officers as the most horrible and distressing one in the history of warfare. A surgeon whom I interviewed at the station said that the men rather risked being hit by Serbian shells than continuing their march. The shrapnel, he added, was falling and bursting around the columns constantly, but the men never heeded it, even on the second day of the retreat, and moved on quite apathetically. They seemed to have lost even the instinct of self-preservation, and there was about as much energy in the army as in a newborn lamb.

Those, he concluded, who were left behind to fight the rear-guard actions as soon as they took up their positions behind some little natural cover dived off and when ordered to fire were found to be fast asleep.

The correspondent describes in graphic terms the outburst against General Petrovich and the grief and anger of the Emperor.

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